

Media diversity is a must in a democratic society - Please don't limit it!  
Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I want to register my objection to the new ownership rules allowing one party to own the newspapers, radio & TV stations in a market. Owners such as ClearChannel and Belo offer very little media diversity, furthermore "teasers" during TV newscasts referring newsworthy stories to the morning affiliated newspapers is outright infuriating and self serving by these big oligopolies.

It time to give the voice back to the people and the current media ownership rules now in question should not be changed. Deregulation and consolidation have limited media diversify sharply curtailed minority ownership.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more and more limited.

The peoples interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding and perhaps reversing or sharply limiting ownership rules.

Lastly this docket may not be the forum for my next issue but the promise of Low Power FM (LPFM) in bringing the voice of the people back to the people must not be controlled by media oligopolies or industry bull dogs like the National Association of Broadcasters.

Thank you for an opportunity to be heard!

Sincerely,

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